

## "PREPAREDNESS" OVERTOPS PARTIES

Average Congressman Naturally  
Against It, But Feels to  
Take Stand.

SENATOR LODGE  
GIVES WARNING

Compulsory Military Training  
for Students Gains Support  
Industrial Commission Dead

Washington, Jan. 30.—Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, made an exceedingly significant observation in the course of debate the other day, though the statement does not seem to have attracted the attention its seriousness deserves. He was agreeing with the declaration of President Wilson that preparedness is not a party question as between democrats and republicans, and should not be made one. So heartily did the Massachusetts senator approve of this that he predicted the appearance and victory of a preparedness party if both the democratic and republican organizations were to repudiate the policy.

It is just this danger in the preparedness issue that frightens the average congressman to the last gasp if he expressed his real feelings. The average congressman is for the "pork barrel" principle; that is to say, he is primarily for getting appropriations of federal funds to be expended in his own district and is against the appropriation of such funds as a general proposition of his own district does not get any of the money. But if the people of the country are really behind the movement for preparedness, or if they can be thoroughly aroused on the subject between now and the next election day, opposition to the program may mean the loss of the average congressman's seat. And there's the rub!

President Wilson knows the temper of the average congressman, and the executive is appealing to the country in his series of speech-making trips to get behind the average congressman and influence him to support the preparedness program. This is the characteristic Wilsonian way. The average congressman gets very little attention from the white house now; the leaders are consulted personally, and at times the president goes himself to see them—a seductive form of flattery; but the president addresses the public rather than the individual legislator. The individual legislator does not like this at all, but it is embarrassing for him to say so except sotto voce. More is being said sotto voce in congressional circles nowadays than for a long time past, but the very fact of the soft-pedaling would indicate that the president still has the best of it. If they do not love him, they fear him.

At this time it is unlikely that either of the great parties would come out for compulsory military training. The president is reported to have expressed himself in disfavor of it, and political leaders generally have pronounced the opinion that its advocacy now would sound the knell of any party's hopes.

However, it is quite perceptible that the sentiment against compulsory military training in the United States is by no means so strong today as it was a few months ago. The meaning of the terrible war abroad is taking time to sink into the public mind. It took time to sink into the president's mind, as he himself admits. The meaning is simply that sufficiency of defensive weapons and of trained men to use them is the only safety for any nation in the 20th century, and more particularly so in this country than in any previous one because of the increased intensity of specialization in the military art, and because of the approximate annihilation of space by the progress of invention and discovery.

It is being explained here that "compulsory training" does not mean compulsory service as the term is understood in most of the European countries. It signifies as proposed in the United States, a certain amount of fundamental military instruction as a part of the curricula of the schools of the nation, public and private, and a certain minimum of actual camp training. A great many people are being con-

verted to the reasonableness of the suggestion that every able-bodied youth in the United States as a simple matter of public policy and protection, should be taught the military rudiments as a part of his education, as the Swiss youth are taught, and the Australian youth are taught. It may easily be that in a few years this sort of compulsory training will be an institution of our land.

And it is being observed more frequently than it was a few months back that there is nothing extreme in having a regular army of two or three hundred men in a country with 95,000,000 people to protect.

It develops that the industrial committee, Frank P. Walsh, chairman, which is sending out mimeograph letters attacking the preparedness policy of the administration is not a government body. Its chairmanship is the same as that of the industrial commission, and its membership is largely so; but it gets no money from the treasury. The industrial commission expired by limitation of the act creating it, some months ago. Congress let it die a natural death. Naturally, many of those who have been receiving the propaganda of the industrial commission through the mails thought it was the output of the industrial commission. And it was, except that Uncle Sam wasn't paying the bill. He cut off the money, but couldn't stop the fuss.

### Try This.

If you will take a pavement that is clear, and walk briskly in the center, you will find that before you have gone 50 yards you have unconsciously veered very much to one side. To make this test accurate you must not use any effort to keep in the center. If you think of something else and endeavor to walk naturally, you will find that you are not able to keep going in a straight line. In the same way a person lost in a wide expanse of level country will describe a complete circle as he keeps walking on and on. The explanation of this lies in the propensity of one foot to walk faster than the other, or to take a longer stride than the other, causing you to veer to one side or the other.

### "Rag-Time."

Rag-time music, "being in no wise serious," is the reverse of depressing. "The African jingles of the present day create an emotional atmosphere of restlessness and excitement which is typically American, and which is opposed to health only so far as our national restlessness and lack of poise tend to make us a people whose national disease is nervous exhaustion." Roughly speaking, lively music, such as rag-time, is likely to rouse depressed persons from their melancholy; sad and pathetic music will soothe the excitable and hypernervous.

### Offered a Compromise.

Househusband—Yes, I'll give you a good, square meal after you saw some wood.

Trampette—My back's too lame, but, instead, I could lecture on suffrage before your literary society.—Life.

### The Southern Ocean.

According to a note in the Geographical Journal, the name "Southern ocean" has been recommended by the British admiralty and formally adopted by the commonwealth of Australia and the Union of South Africa to designate the whole oceanic zone encircling the globe south of Australia, Africa and South America. The name is, of course, not new, but it is not to be found in Lippincott's Gazetteer, and has been used in a merely tentative way by many geographers. As the admiralty mentions the Antarctic continent as the southern boundary of this body of water, no room is left on the map for an "Antarctic ocean."

## GROWING USE OF ASBESTOS

Fiber in Constantly Increasing Demand and New Fields for Mining Being Developed.

Asbestos, which is rock matter, but nevertheless almost as soft and pliable as cotton or woolen fabric, is a potential life saver. The fireproof theater curtain is made of asbestos, but it has many other uses. It is used in making lumber, roofing, plaster and stucco. Houses that are built largely of asbestos afford their occupants not only complete protection from fire, because it is a "nonconductor," but assure them also the comfort of freedom from extreme heat and cold.

The asbestos-producing industry of the United States is growing. For many years we have been the greatest manufacturers and users of asbestos, drawing our raw material from Canada, but we are now getting some excellent fiber in our own country. The most notable feature of the asbestos industry in 1914 was the development of a new field in Arizona, which is furnishing a grade of fiber that compares very favorably with the Canadian. As the mineral occurs in the Grand Canyon, it is frequently designated Grand Canyon asbestos, although the deposit in that remarkable natural wonder is not yet producing asbestos commercially. For electric installation the Arizona asbestos is even better than the Canadian product, for it contains a lower percentage of iron. Asbestos of a low grade has been produced in Georgia for many years.—Newark News.

## WAS A THOUGHTFUL SUITOR

Assured Father His Daughter Would Not Have Home Like She Had Been Used To.

"Young man," inquired her father sternly, "will you give her a home like the one she has been used to?"

"No," replied the thoughtful suitor, "for there will be no grumpy father to come home and make everyone miserable by his kicking over trifles and swearing at matters in general. There will be no mother to scold her from morning to night for wasting time merely because she wants to be neat. There will be no big brother to abuse her for not doing half of his work, and no little brother to make enough noise to drive her crazy when her head aches. There won't be any younger sister to insist on reading some trashy novel while she does all the work. She will not have with me a home like she has been used to, not if I can help it."—Boston Journal.

### Dinner From a Lobster's Claw.

The Bath Times had not long ago in its window the largest lobster claw probably ever seen in these parts. The claw alone measures 10½ inches in length and some six inches in width. It was brought into the office by the well-known diver Scott Tibbetts of Woolwich, who found it recently while doing some work at Barter's Island. Some of his dredging apparatus, probably the bucket, separated this claw from the rest of the lobster. Judging from the size of the claw, the lobster itself must have been several feet long and a monster. The meat in the claw was of good color and fit to eat and enough for a dinner for several people. The claw alone weighed three pounds, and he estimated the weight of the lobster at thirty pounds.—Kennebec Journal.

### Lines to Be Remembered.

These then are my last words to you: Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact. The "scientific" proof that you are right may not be clear before the day of judgment (or some stage of being which that expression may serve to symbolize) is reached. But the faithful fighters of this hour, or the beings that then and there will represent them, may then turn to the faint-hearted, who here decline to go on, with words like those with which Henry IV greeted the tardy Crillon after a great victory had been gained: "Hang yourself, brave Crillon! We fought at Arques, and you were not there."—William James in "The Will to Believe."

## How is Your Appetite?

THESE LEADERS  
are  
STRENGTHENERS  
and  
BUILDERS.

Flour  
Coffee  
Teas  
Sugar  
Canned Goods  
Everything for the  
Table.

Yes, you will find people around here whose appetites are not of the best.

But then, you will also find some people who do not buy their groceries from us.

On the other hand, you will find a great many of our people who never lack for an appetite, whose digestion is never impaired, who are enjoying life to the fullest extent.

And you will find a vast number of people hereabouts who BUY THEIR GROCERIES FROM US.

Which class are you in?

Which class do you want to be in?

Edwards & Horton

COAL

SHINGLES

WOOD

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Men's \$1.25 Worsteds pants; sale price 98c  
Men's \$2.00 Worsteds pants; sale price \$1.49  
Men's \$2.50 Worsteds pants; sale price \$1.98  
Men's \$3.50 Worsteds pants; sale price \$2.49  
Men's \$5.00 and \$6.00 Worsteds pants; sale price \$2.48

### BOYS' SUITS AND PANTS.

Boys' \$3.00 Suits; sale price \$1.98  
Boys' \$4 and \$5 Suits; sale price \$2.98  
Boys' \$7.50 and \$10 Suits; sale price \$4.98  
Boys' Knee Pants, all sizes at sale price.  
Men's Dress Coats, Overcoats and Raincoats \$1.98 to \$6.00  
Any Ladies' Coat in the house at half price.

### DRY GOODS.

Good plaids, worth 7 1-2c; sale price 5c  
Good outing worth 7 1-2c; sale price 5c  
Good bleaching worth 7 1-2c; sale price 5c  
Good bleaching, yard wide; sale price 6c  
Androscoggin bleaching; sale price 8 1-2c  
Bed Tick, 10c value, sale price 7 1-2c  
Bed Tick, 25c value, water proof; sale price 17 1-2c  
Dress gingham 10c value; sale price 7 1-2c  
Dress Gingham 12 1-2c value; sale price 9 1-2c  
Dress serge 75c value; sale price 49c  
Dress serge and staples, 50c values; sale price 38c  
Good apron gingham; sale price 5c  
Plaid dress goods, 25c value; sale price 15c  
Fancy dress goods 39c value; sale price 23c  
Wool and cotton Blankets at half price.

### SOLID LEATHER SHOES.

Beacon, Endicott Johnson, Bradford & Hoge Montgomery Brands.  
Men's \$3.00 heavy shoes; sale price \$2.25  
Men's \$3.50 heavy shoes; sale price \$2.98  
Men's \$4.00 heavy shoes; sale price \$3.39  
Men's \$2.00 Dress shoes; sale price \$1.49  
Men's \$3.50 dress shoes; sale price \$2.98  
Men's \$4.00 dress shoes; sale price \$3.25  
Ladies' heavy shoes; sale price \$1.25  
Ladies' \$2.25 heavy shoes; sale price \$1.69  
Ladies' \$2.00 dress shoes; sale price \$1.49  
Ladies' \$2.50 dress shoes; sale price \$1.98  
Ladies' \$3.50 dress shoes; sale price \$2.98  
Ladies' \$1.50 dress shoes; sale price \$1.19  
Full line, Boys' and Children's shoes, at sale prices.

### HATS.

Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats 25c, 49c, 98c, \$1.50, \$1.98.  
John B. Stetson \$4.00 Hat; sale price \$2.98

### FURNISHINGS.

Children's Union Suits; sale price 19c  
Ladies' Rib Vests, all sizes; sale price 19c  
Ladies' fleece vests, first quality; sale price 38c  
Men's fleece Underwear, first quality; sale price 38c  
Men's fleece Under shirts; first quality; sale price 19c  
Ladies' Union Suits, first quality; sale price 39c  
Boys' fleece drawers and shirts; sale price 23c  
American Beauty Corsets... 50c up  
Full line Men's Dress and Heavy Shirts.  
Arrow Brand Collars.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Good Towels, worth 10c; sale price 5c  
Good Towels, worth 15c; sale price 9c  
Good Towels, worth 25c; sale price 19c  
Men's gray socks; sale price 5c  
Ladies' gray socks, 10c value; sale price 7c  
Men's socks, all colors; sale price 7c  
Men's handkerchiefs 10c value, price 5c  
Ladies' handkerchiefs; sale price 2c  
Good Toilet soap, 3 cakes for 10c  
Boys' 10c Suspenders; sale price 5c  
Men's 15c Suspenders; sale price 15c  
Men's 50c Suspenders; sale price 23c  
Men's 50c Belts; sale price 33c  
Men's 25c Belts; sale price 19c  
Men's 25c Brighton Garters; sale price 19c  
Men's 50c Neckwear; sale price 23c  
Men's 25c Neckwear; sale price 19c  
25c Talcum powder; sale price 15c  
10c Talcum powder; sale price 8c  
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